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SUBJECT: 'G; VISAS FOR IRAQI NATIONALS

REF: BAGHDAD 0660

1. SINCE THE DEPT CONCURS IN GENERAL WITH THE UN SECRETAR-
IAT POSITION THAT BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD NOT BE
CONTROLLING FACTOR IN DETERMINING PERIOD OF VALIDITY AND
NUMBER OF ENTRIES AUTHORIZED FOR OFFICERS, OFFICIALS AND
EMPLOYEES OF UN SECRETARIAT, THE DEPT PROPOSES CONTINUE
POLICY OF ISSUING G-4 VISAS ELIGIBLE IRAQI NATIONALS VALID
FOR ONE YEAR FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES.

2. FURTHER THERE ARE NO KNOWN SECURITY RAMIFICATIONS OR
CONSIDERATIONS THAT WOULD WARRANT DISCRIMINATING AGAINST
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IRAQIS BY IMPOSING SPECIALLY RESTRICTIVE Y-1 AND G-2

CONDITIONS. AT PRESENT TIME ARAB AND IRON CURTAIN NATIONALS, EXCEPT THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS WHO ARE TREATED DIFFERENTLY FOR POLITICAL REASONS, RECEIVE G-1 AND G-2 VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES. THEREFORE DEPT INTENDS TO CONTINUE PRACTICE OF ISSUING G-1 AND G-2 VISAS VALID FOR ONE YEAR WITH MULTIPLE ENTRIES TO ELIGIBLE IRAQI NATIONALS. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD CONSTITUTE A SETBACK TO

THE DEPT'S POLICY OF WITHDRAWING G VISA ISSUANCE FROM CONSIDERATION OF RECIPROCITY, FOR WHICH THERE IS IN EFFECT NO BASIS IN INA.

3. RECIPROCITY SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE PRACTICED IN CONNECTION WITH A VISA ISSUANCE. SCHEDULE 'C' REQUIRES THAT IRAQI A-1 AND A-2 VISAS BE ISSUED VALID FOR THREE MONTHS AND FOR SINGLE ENTRY. INGERSOLL

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